



2020 Legislative Session

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2012 Legislation

Credit Creep

- Required degree programs to be at or below 60/120 credit hours
- By fall 2013, 90% of programs *met* the 60/120 requirement

Degree Maps

- Required institutions to provide students a semester-by-semester list of courses needed to graduate on-time



2013 Legislation

Statewide Transfer General Education Core (STGEC)

- Ensured 30 hours of general education credit transfers between public colleges and universities

Transfer Single Articulation Pathway (TSAP)

- Allowed for seamless transfer from a public 2-year to a public 4-year degree program in specific pathways
- There are currently 19 pathways



2013 Legislation

E-Transcript

- Required a common high school transcript be developed by IDOE in collaboration with ICHE
- Allowed students to request their transcripts be transmitted electronically to their institution

EARN Indiana

- Provided matching funds to employers who create experiential, paid internships for students with financial need



2013 Legislation

Credit Completion Requirement

- Required financial aid recipients to complete 30/60/90 credits to renew their awards
- 21st Century Scholars on-time completion rate has nearly doubled since 2013

Scholar Success Program

- Required 21st Century Scholar to complete 12 college preparation activities during high school



2014 Legislation

Teacher Preparation Matrix

- Required the collection of data about teacher preparation program performance
- Created a committee to review and evaluate the data

College Credit for Veterans

- Required institutions to adopt a policy to award credit to veterans via prior learning assessment



2015 Legislation

You Can. Go Back.

- Launched the statewide campaign aimed at helping Hoosier with some college but no degree finish
- Over 2,000 YCGB students earned a degree or credential in the first two years

Truth in Lending (Debt Letter)

- Required institutions to annually provide students personalized student loan information



2016 Legislation

Next Generation Hoosier Educators Scholarship

- Provided a \$7,500 annual scholarship to 200 high-achieving students who commit to teaching in Indiana for five years
- Over a 95% success rate over the first three years

Credit Completion Requirement Update

- Updated the financial aid credit completion requirements from 30/60/90 to 30 per year



2017 Legislation

Workforce Ready Grant

- Allowed adult students to earn a high-value certificate tuition free
- More than 21K students have enrolled in eligible programs with more than 9K earning a certificate

Financial Aid Reinstatement

- Allowed the Commission to reinstate financial aid eligibility for students whose institution closed



2018 Legislation

College Scholar Success Program

- Required the Commission to develop a college-level version of the Scholar Success Program
- 29 campuses are piloting the program with the full rollout next fall

Workforce Ready Grant Expansion

- Expanded Workforce Ready Grant eligibility to all high school graduates



Other Legislative Items

- Indiana Workforce Intelligence System
- Truth in Budgeting
- Student Teaching Stipends
- Adult Student Grant
- Dual Credit Advisory Council
- Agricultural Law Feasibility Study
- Financial Aid for Prior Learning Assessments
- 529 Asset Exemption
- Reverse Transfer Study
- Performance Funding Study
- Math Pathways
- Indiana Academic for Science, Mathematics and Humanities Report
- Governor's Workforce Cabinet
- STEM Teacher Recruitment Grant
- Graduate Medical Education Board
- Children of Disabled Veteran Financial Aid Reforms
- Financial Transparency Project



2019 Legislative Implementation

FAFSA Data Share Agreements

- Required high schools to enter into a FAFSA data share agreement with the Commission

FAFSA Notification

- Required all high schools to provide seniors information about the FAFSA starting fall 2020
- The Commission is required to provide a model notification.



2019 Legislative Implementation

Let Indiana Work for You

- Required the Commission to create a program to provide colleges and universities with information on the benefits of working and residing in Indiana

Teacher Residency Pilot Grants

- Provided \$1M in funding to assist in the development of teacher residency programs
- The Commission launched the RFP yesterday



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- The 2020 Legislative Session officially began on November 19th with Organization Day
- The Senate and House will reconvene January 6rd
 - The second half of session will start February 10th
- Session is scheduled to end by March 12th
- Weekly updates will start on January 10th



Governor Holcomb's Next Level Agenda

Next Level Agenda



Economy



Infrastructure



Workforce, Education & Training



Public Health & Attacking the Drug Epidemic



Good Government



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Commission's 2020 Legislative Agenda

You Can. Go Back. Renewal

Issue

- YCGB's original focus did not allow the Commission to contact recent stop-out students
- The authorization for the program sunsets July 1, 2020

Proposal

- Renews YCGB authorization indefinitely
- Allows quicker and more effective outreach to stop-out students



EARN Indiana Update

Issue

- During the summer, EARN recipient may only work 20 hours per week if enrolled in any coursework
- EARN's expansion to high school students required FAFSA completion for juniors and below

Proposal

- Removes 20 hour restriction and FAFSA requirement



Graduate Medical Education Board Fund

Issue

- Code states the Graduate Medical Education (GMEB) Fund does not revert to the General Fund
- GMEB is funded through the Tobacco Master Settlement Fund

Proposal

- Clarifies code to ensure the GMEB fund does not revert



Other Higher Education Issues

Other Relevant Issues

- FAFSA filing requirement
- 21st Century Scholars expansions
 - McKinney-Vento Homeless Students
 - Early College/Dual Credit
- Loan repayment programs for health professions programs
- Commission for Life-Long Learning





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